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JIDO

New names added to EOD Memorial Wall

DVIDS (press release), May 8

Lt. Gen. Michael Shields, director of the Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Organization, the ceremony's guest speaker, shared heartfelt sentiments to the families of fallen technicians in attendance. He recounted the heartbreaking stories behind each of the new Soldiers' and Sailors' names added this year.

GLOBAL AND STRATEGIC VIEW

Mattis' infantry reformer blasts weapons makers to quit stalling and make a better, more lethal rifle

Military Times, May 8

The NGSW program was aimed at making a rifle or carbine to replace the flawed M16/M4 system, which retired Army Maj. Gen. Bob Scales has railed against since his own experience with early versions of the M16 in Vietnam.

Mattis eyes major overhaul of Navy deployments

Navy Times, May 7

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has offered a very different vision for how the Navy will be used in the future and hinted at big changes for how and when carrier strike groups deploy.

Iraq: The lurking threat of explosive weapons left over from war

Relief Web, May 8

Many areas in East and West Mosul remain contaminated by explosive devices, making it impossible for families to return home safely, rebuild their lives, re-enroll their children in school and find jobs.

Permanent Evolution: SecArmy Esper On Futures Command

Breaking Defense, (Exclusive), May 7

Army Futures Command will be especially in flux for its first year, between Initial Operational Capability (IOC) this summer and Full Operating Command (FOC) next year. But even after that, Secretary Esper said, it needs to keep adapting in a way Army bureaucracies traditionally have not.

Explosions rock Afghan capital, the target of recent attacks

Associated Press, May 9

The Taliban and IS frequently target Afghanistan's Western-backed government and security forces. Twin suicide bombings claimed by IS last week killed at least 25 people, including nine journalists.

THREAT NETWORKS

Kenya: Al-Shabaab Claims Dhobley Attack on Kenyan Military

All Africa, May 8

The soldiers died after their vehicle ran over an IED near the Somali town of Dhobley. Al-Shabaab has taken responsibility for the attack.

Deputies arrest man who had 16 pipe bombs

WMC Action News 5, May 8

A Central Arkansas sheriff's office arrested a man after they found more than a dozen improvised explosive devices.

COUNTER-UAS

U.S. Army speeds up deployment of SHORAD Strykers in Europe

Army Recognition, May 8

The Stryker MSL is a short-range Air Defense (SHORAD) solution that meets the U.S. Army's emerging operational need to counter Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Rotary Wing (RW) and Cruise Missile (CM) threats.

Drone Detection Startup, Drone Go Home, Announces Rebrand to AeroDefense

PR Web (press release), May 8

New Jersey based drone detection company, Drone Go Home, was rebranded as AeroDefense, to better reflect both the U.S. Counter-UAS regulatory environment that prohibits interference with a drone in flight and the company's target markets for drone security.

Victorian defence company seeking distributors

Defence Connect, May 8

Melbourne-based company Defence Vision is looking to take its products globally and is looking for distributors to tap into the Middle Eastern market.

CONGRESS

HASC's 2019 Bill Boosts Navy Spending, With Focus on Readiness and Pacific Operations

U.S. Naval Institute News, May 7

The HASC's Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act today focuses on building readiness - especially in aviation - and on optimizing for operations in the Indo-Pacific region.

TRAINING

Turkish military's indigenous hardware on display in drill with allies

Daily Sabah, May 8

Turkey and 19 allied forces, including the U.S. are currently attending the Efes-2018 military drill. Turkey will showcase some of its local military hardware during the drill, including its first domestic armed drone Bayraktar TB2.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

A proxy battle of innovation vs. legacy technology

Defense News, May 7

The author of the article points out this is a fight between those who have positioned themselves to provide cutting-edge, innovative solutions; and those who are invested in the lucrative business of maintaining legacy systems.

WORLDWIDE IED EVENTS

11 militants killed in blast in E. Afghanistan: official

Xinhua, May 8

Taliban militants ISIS fighters have been using IEDs to make roadside bombs and landmines for targeting security forces.

Two BSF jawans killed, woman injured in IED blast in Manipur

The Times of India, May 9

Two BSF jawans were killed and a local woman injured in an IED blast.